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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Studies Recommended by Stevens Paper

Referring to the "Stevens Paper" and the studies and plans which it recommends CIA make, I understand the situation to be as follows:

1. In preparation for the review group which it is believed the new Administration will set up after 20 January, the DD/P area is preparing a general report of what cold war activities it has carried on and those which are currently active and planned. The review group will presumably recommend conclusions as to what types of cold war operations should be carried on by the Agency. Monthly and quarterly reports of the activities of the various DD/P divisions will be appearing regularly. The material being prepared for the prospective review group and the reports of operations will contain a great deal of the material which would go into the specific studies and plans recommended by the "Stevens Paper." Making the studies and plans recommended by the Stevens Paper would fall upon the same people as are engaged in preparing for the prospective review group and, if given priority, would in most cases divert them from such preparation.

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3. It is the general view of those involved that it would be better to continue to concentrate on the general preparation now being undertaken for the prospective review group, keeping the recommendations of the Stevens Paper in mind, with the idea of presenting to that review group the Stevens Paper together with information as to our present capabilities for action in the fields mentioned. The basic review would enable the appropriate sections of the Agency to compile the specific studies and plans recommended in the Stevens Paper if that seems desirable at a later date.

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